

In most cases the instructions from Boise Fire were to shelter in place or to shut your doors and windows and turn off your heating and cooling system. For any evacuation recommendations, people would have been told to evacuate the area, not just a building. We understand that major disruptions like this cause a hardship and we take every effort to quickly and safely render a scene safe. We have not been contacted by Interfaith Sanctuary and would be happy to assist them with their organization's evacuation plans.

Here is further information about how decisions are made in Hazmat situations.

Fire Departments use the WISER phone application which provides protective action distances recommended by the Department of Transportation's Emergency Response Guidebook (DOT ERG). In this case the product was Ammonia and the initial protective action distance of 500 feet in all directions was used. First responders are trained that when they are responding to hazardous material incidents, they are to **Identify** the product, **Isolate** the area using DOT ERG protective action distances, and **Deny Access** to the spill area. In this case, firefighters immediately called for Boise Police to establish a perimeter and shut down traffic in the area. There were people in the streets inside the 500' perimeter that were told to evacuate the area. Additionally, while the incident commander on scene was coordinating the response from first responders and the Boise Fire Department Hazardous Materials Regional Response team, additional fire department commanders contacted Ada County Dispatch and had them send out a Code Red notification within ½ mile of the incident. This notification advised people within the ½ mile perimeter to shelter in place by closing all doors and windows and shut down their heating and cooling systems. Additionally, this message was sent out by BFD's public information officer (PIO) using the department's Twitter feed. There was continuous air monitoring within the isolation zone to determine levels of Ammonia in both toxicity and flammability. The air monitoring results we were getting supported the 500' isolation zone.

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